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The British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium and COBCOE are
pleased to present a roundtable debate on:

Britain and the EU - Odd man out – or odd man in

With Sir Stephen Wall GCMG LVO

Wednesday 14th April 2010

Time: 16.30 – 20.30

Venue: Room IA02, Third Floor, Spinelli building, European Parliament in Brussels

The EU Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium, in association with the Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe (COBCOE), is pleased to invite you to a roundtable debate on Britain and the EU-Odd man out-or odd man in.



Sir Stephen Wall, Vice Chair, Business for New Europe; former UK Permanent Representative to the EU and Head of the European Secretariat in the Cabinet Office has kindly agreed to present the report published in 2008 by the Chatham House Commission on Europe after Fifty: Policy Implications for Britain - [A British Agenda for Europe: Designing Our Own Future](#). The Commission was chaired by Sir Stephen and other members of the Commission brought expertise on a range of policy issues, and include a number of senior experts from continental European countries.

Stephen Wall was for 35 years a member of the British Diplomatic Service. He worked closely with five British Foreign Secretaries and was Foreign Policy Adviser to Prime Minister John Major. His extensive European experience includes five years as Head of the Foreign Office European Department; two years as Britain's ambassador to Portugal; five years as UK Permanent Representative to the EU and four years as EU adviser to Prime Minister Tony Blair and Head of the European Secretariat in the Cabinet Office. His book on Britain's EU policy, 'A Stranger in Europe', was published in 2008.

Programme:

- 16.30–Registration
- 17.00–Opening remarks, **Steven Maisel**, President, British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium
- 17.05–Introduction of topic and speakers, **Aart Van Iterson**, Partner, Cambre Associates (tbc)
- 17.15–Keynote speech: Britain and the EU - Odd man out - or odd man in, **Sir Stephen Wall**, Vice Chair, Business for New Europe
- 17.45 to 19.15–Moderated debate with invited panel speakers, with questions to the panel, from the floor:

Chair/Moderator (tbc)

Speakers:

- **Peter Skinner MEP**
- **Sharon Bowles MEP**
- **Martin Callanan MEP**
- **Philip Lowe**, Director General, Energy, European Commission
- **Andy Lebrecht**, Deputy Permanent Representative, UK Representation to the EU
- **Howard Rosen** CBE, President, Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe (COBCOE)
- **Jean Claude Banon**, Executive Representative of the Veolia Group with the European Institutions
- Business community representative (tbc)
- 19.15–Closing remarks, **Steven Maisel**, President, British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium
- 19.20–Cocktail Reception
- 20.3–End

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